

**NOTICE OF INITIATION OF INVESTIGATION ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE
IMPOSITION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES AGAINST IMPORTATIONS OF
TESTLINER BOARD FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES
(SG CASE NO. 01-2009)**

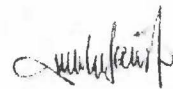
ON 09 NOVEMBER 2009, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALLY RECEIVED A PROPERLY DOCUMENTED APPLICATION FROM THE PHILIPPINE TESTLINER BOARD INDUSTRY FOR THE INITIATION OF A SAFEGUARD MEASURES INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE IMPORTATIONS OF TESTLINER BOARD FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE PROTEST ALLEGED THAT THE INCREASED IMPORTS HAVE CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE SERIOUS INJURY SUFFERED BY THE LOCAL INDUSTRY.

THE DTI ACTING UNDER SECTION 6 OF RA 8800, THE SAFEGUARD MEASURES ACT, HAS MADE AN EVALUATION OF THE PROTEST AND FOUND REASONABLE GROUNDS TO INITIATE A SAFEGUARD MEASURES INVESTIGATION ON IMPORTATIONS OF TESTLINER BOARD FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES. THE PERIOD COVERED BY THE INVESTIGATION IS FOR THE LAST FIVE (5) YEARS I.E. 2004 TO 2008.

THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR THE INVESTIGATION IS THE DAY ON WHICH THIS NOTICE OF INITIATION IS PUBLISHED IN TWO (2) NEWSPAPERS OF GENERAL CIRCULATION.

WHEREFORE, IN VIEW THEREOF, ALL INTERESTED PARTIES WHO MAY WISH TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS AND POSITIONS ON THE SAFEGUARDS PROTEST FILED BY THE PHILIPPINE TESTLINER BOARD INDUSTRY AGAINST THE IMPORTATIONS OF SAID PRODUCT FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES ARE REQUESTED TO DIRECT THEIR REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BUREAU OF IMPORT SERVICES (BIS), DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY (DTI), 3RD FLOOR, TARA BUILDING, #389 SENATOR GIL PUYAT AVENUE, MAKATI CITY, WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

16 NOVEMBER 2009.


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